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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

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For: A PROCESS FOR OBTAINING (NITROXYMETHYL)PHENYL ESTERS OF
SALICYLIC ACID DERIVATIVES

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

January 9, 2002

Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fees and initial examination of the application,
please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 3 and 4 as follows. A copy of the marked up original
claims is attached to this response showing the changes as set forth in amended 37
CFR 1.121.

3. (Amended) A process according to claim 1, wherein in step a) the organic
solvents are C₁-C₄ aliphatic alcohols; aromatic hydrocarbons, aliphatic esters,
chlorinated organic solvents, aliphatic and cycloaliphatic ketones.